



JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

TURTLE EFFIGY MOUND, 58'
GENERAL ATKINSON GROUP
JEFFERSON COUNTY MOUNDS & TRAIL PARK



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THE JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION COMMISSION CONTINUES TO MEET ON A MONTHLY BASIS. ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SERVE AS VOLUNTEERS AND RECEIVE NO REIMBURSEMENT FOR THEIR TIME OR TRAVEL. THE COMMISSION WAS CREATED BY ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD. THE COMMISSION IS ALSO A CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG), DESIGNATED BY THE WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WHICH MAKES THE COMMISSION ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS.

THE COMMISSION'S GOAL HAS BEEN TO SURVEY ALL THE HISTORICAL SITES IN RURAL JEFFERSON COUNTY. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS SURVEY, THE COUNTY WAS DIVIDED INTO FOUR QUARTERS. THE COMMISSION APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED GRANTS TO COMPLETE THE SURVEYS. THE THIRD QUARTER SURVEY WAS COMPLETED IN JULY OF 2013 AND WE HAVE RECEIVED A FOURTH GRANT FOR \$25,000.00. THE FOURTH GRANT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO LEGACY ARCHITECTURE, THE FIRM WHO COMPLETE THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTER SURVEYS. THIS FINAL GRANT INCLUDES FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY AND ASSIST ONE OR TWO RESIDENTS WHOSE HOMES OR FARMS ARE ELIGIBLE TO THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES. APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL REGISTRY AND /OR DESIGNATION AS A JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK IS TOTALLY VOLUNTARY. INCLUSION ON EITHER LIST IS AN HONORARIUM, WHICH CAN BE WITHDRAWN IF A PROPERTY OWNER NO LONGER IS INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING THAT STATUS. THE BENEFIT OF INCLUSION ON THE NATIONAL REGISTRY MAKES THE PROPERTY OWNER ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL AND STATE TAX CREDITS FOR MAINTENANCE OF THEIR PROPERTY.

THE COMMISSION HAS HOSTED SEVERAL MEETINGS FOR INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND HAS BEEN OVERWHELMED BY THE RESPONSE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO HOST THESE LOCAL MEETINGS WITH THE HELP OF THE WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY. THE COMMISSION WANTS TO THANK THE HOARD MUSEUM FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF THE COMMISSION AND THEIR WORK. COPIES OF THE LOCAL SURVEYS CAN BE FOUND AT THE HOARD MUSEUM, LOCAL LIBRARIES, AND THE COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE.

AS THE COMMISSION MOVES FORWARD, THERE ARE PLANS FOR EDUCATIONAL TOURS AND A CONFERENCE. PREVIOUS EVENTS HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED AND WE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE OUR EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK LARRY COLE FROM WATERLOO, WHO HAS SERVED AS VICE CHAIRMAN AND IS RESIGNING AS OF SEPTEMBER 1ST. THE COMMISSION WILL BE ACTIVELY RECRUITING A NEW MEMBER. IF YOU KNOW OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS WILLING TO DONATE THEIR TIME AND EXPERTISE, PLEASE FORWARD THEIR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION.